

The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. at Saint Nicholas

Sunday: 12:30 p.m. in Spanish

Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Friday: 6:00 p.m.

bilingual at Saint Nicholas

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m.

Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Misas dominicales:

Sábado: 4:30 p.m.

Domingo: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.

Domingo: 12:30 p.m. en español

Misas diarias:

Martes: 5:30 p.m.

Miércoles: 8:00 a.m.

Jueves : 8:00 a.m.

Viernes: 6:00 p.m.

bilingüe en San Nicolás

Reconciliación:

Sábado: 8:00-8:45 a.m.

Sábado: 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

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Kris Janey, Trustee: (612) 325-9284
Leo Forner, Facilities Council Chair: (952) 448-3312
Steve Rasmussen, Cemetery Board Chair: (952) 227-4000
Scott Guillemette, Finance Council Chair: (952) 227-4000
Bill Van Hecke, Pastoral Council Chair: (612) 812-8615

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

If you have anything to submit for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas, email bulletin@gachaska.org by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before. Any photographs must be in .jpg format.

ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN

Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a bulletin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Cualquier fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!

Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email inbox? You can! Text GACHASKA to 84576, add your email address, and join the "Bulletin" group.

RECIBE EL BOLETÍN POR CORREO ELECTRÓNICO ¡DIRECTAMENTE A USTED!

¿Sabías que puedes recibir este boletín en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? ¡Puedes! Envíe un mensaje de texto con GACHASKA al 84576, agregue su dirección de correo electrónico y únase al grupo "Boletín".

ANOINTING

If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND HOMEBOUND VISITS

Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

Church Calendar

Monday, March 6th

Tuesday, March 7th

5:00 p.m. Creighton Model FertilityCare,
St. Nicholas Classrooms 1-4
5:30 p.m. Mass, Daughters of Isabella and their families
6:30 p.m. RCIA, St. Francis Hall
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, GA Choir Loft

Wednesday, March 8th

8:00 a.m., † Virgil Gestach
6:15 p.m. Encounter Faith Formation, GA School,
St. Nicholas Classrooms 1-4

Thursday, March 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass, † Arlan Pauly
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting, 1st Fl. Conf. Room

Friday, March 10th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN),
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Saint Nicholas Church

Saturday, March 11th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church
4:00 p.m. Cursillo: Ultreya, St. Francis Hall
4:30 p.m. Mass, † Marilyn Schepers

Sunday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. Mass, For the People
9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall
10:00 a.m. Mass, † John and Betty Halloran
10:00 a.m. Mass (SN)
11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall
12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), † Carmen Garcia

Mass Intentions:

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

Matrimony:

Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

Communion for the Homebound:

When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Ex 17, 3-7/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9 (8)/Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8/Jn 4, 5-42
 4, 5-15. 19-26. 39. 40-42
 Lunes: 2 Re 5, 1-15/Sal 41, 2. 3; 43, 3. 4/Lc 4, 24-30
 Martes: Dn 3, 25. 34-43/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9/Mt 18, 21-35
 Miércoles: Dt 4, 1. 5-9/Sal 146, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20/Mt 5, 17-19
 Jueves: Jr 7, 23-28/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 11, 14-23
 Viernes: Os 14, 2-10/Sal 80, 6-8. 8-9. 10-11. 14 y 17/Mc 12, 28-34
 Sábado: Os 6, 1-6/Sal 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21/Lc 18, 9-14
 Domingo siguiente: 1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (1)/Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41 o 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

Maintenance Expenses Paid: \$49,594

Rebuff Gym Floor, Upgrade Gym AHU,
 Church Compressor Upgrade, Sacristy Rain Gutters,
 Rectory roof replacements

Year-To-Date 7/1/22—02/20/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$443,379	\$45,152
Sunday Collection	\$295,793	\$29,930
Contributions	\$30,274	N/A
Electronic Giving	\$126,259	\$9,478
Total Contributions	\$452,326	\$39,408
Amount above or below	+\$8,947	-\$5,744

Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

7/1/22—02/20/23 Contributions: \$36,138
 Fund Balance: \$201,136



A LOVE THAT FREES US

The story of the Samaritan woman with Jesus is a beautiful story of God's love. It is personal. It is an encounter with Jesus as the Messiah who bridges our gaps with God. A great chasm was supposed to exist between the woman and Jesus. Jews were not allowed to speak with Samaritans, but Jesus simply asks for a drink of water. The woman comes to fetch water at noon when she was sure no one else would come, because she is ashamed and fears the gossip about her way of life. She has had five husbands and is now living with a sixth. Jesus knows this, but there is no trace of contempt or reproach. There is only a request, "Give me a drink!"

Jesus is thirsty, not just for water, but for his healing love of the woman to begin, and that there be communion between he and her. So a conversation begins and he talks about a different water, an inner spring that needs to be found, which can quench the life-thirst that has driven this woman from one man to another without ever having that thirst for love, recognition, and security satisfied.

The woman meets someone who sees her completely as she is neither in order "to have" her, to criticize, or to judge her. This enables her to blossom, to see that she has been on the wrong path for a long time and that there is someone who can satisfy her deep longing who will not disappoint her one more time. She found the spring that quenched her thirst.

In our time we have sacramental marriage. I often ask people what they think is the difference between sacramental marriage, civil marriage, or just living together. As baptized sons and daughters of God's household, the Church, it is God's will that we live that baptism out in a marriage that is sacramental. In a sacramental marriage a husband and wife make a vow of giving themselves to each other as a free, total, faithful, and fruitful sacred gift. This is the way that Jesus has given himself for us. Whenever we look at a crucifix, we see that Jesus has held nothing back for himself. He has emptied himself for us and cannot love us more. He is the Bridegroom laying down his life for his Bride, the Church. So God has a spousal love for each of us that marriage between a husband and a wife is meant to reflect to the world. Marriage images God's love rather than God's love images marriage.

The Good News is that we are made with the capacity to vow this kind of heroic love to each other, and in this special way that we call marriage, participate in His great love. God wills that we be participants in this kind of love. God will give us all the grace we need to do that which he has called us to. Be like the Samaritan woman. Be opened to this grace, no matter what your marital situation is. I will be glad to help you get to that great day of sacramental marriage in the Church and full and free participation in the sacraments.

Father Tony VanderLoop

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA MEETING

The Daughters of Isabella will meet in St. Francis Hall on Monday, March 13th at 6 p.m. for social hour and 6:30 meeting.

LOVE INC. THANKS YOU!

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,444.94 to Love In the Name of Christ on Ash Wednesday. This money will support services that help those most in need in Eastern Carver County.

CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP

*March 25th, St. Joseph of the Lakes in Lino Lakes,
9 a.m.—4 p.m.*

Explore the ancient teaching of the gifts (or charisms) of the Holy Spirit and how they work in your life and the life of your parish. Learn the signs and characteristics of the most common charisms of the Holy Spirit. Cost is \$85. Includes workshop materials, lunch, refreshments, and follow-up personal discernment guide. More information and registration can be found at www.archspm.org/called-and-gifted-workshop-7

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

March 3rd, 17th, and 31st, 4-7:30 p.m., Gym

Includes Pollock fish (deep-fried beer battered, deep-fried dry rub, or lemon pepper oven baked), mashed potatoes and potato salad, coleslaw, green beans, dinner roll, coffee, water, or milk. Take outs available. 1st Street and Cedar Street in Chaska. Adults=\$15. Kids 5 to 12=\$5. Kids under 5 free. Proceeds go to various charities. For more info, email haroldbrose@yahoo.com

Happy news! The desserts are back at our renowned fish frys! We need every family to generously donate 2 desserts for our last 2 fish frys on Friday March 17th and Friday March 31st. These can be dropped off on Thursday between 3 and 5 p.m. and on Friday starting at 2 p.m. at they gym kitchen door. Ladies, show off your best dessert recipes to finish off our fabulous Lenten Friday night supper! Maybe something green for St. Patrick's Day! The Knights of Columbus Council 9141 of Guardian Angels Church thanks you very much and so will all the hungry dinner guests!

RUBY'S PANTRY

*March 2nd, Grace Church, 9301 Eden Prairie Road,
Eden Prairie, 5-6:30 p.m.*

Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across MN and WI. There is no income or residency requirement and for a \$25 bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries.

We gather various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops into generous food bundles.

Ready to join the sustainability movement? The environment and your budget will thank you for it.

If you have any questions please call Loretta at (651) 674-0009 or go to www.rubyspantry.org

PASSION PLAY IN SHAKOPEE

Saint Mark's Church in Shakopee celebrates its 40th and final year offering the passion play. The plays in English will be on Wed. March 22nd, Thurs. March 23rd, and Sat. March 25th. Musical prelude starts at 7:40 p.m. with 8 p.m. performance.

Español Viernes 24 de Marzo.

Admission is free.

For more information go to www.shakopeepassionplay.org

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY

March 18-19

What is Global Solidarity Sunday?

Global Solidarity Sunday is an annual parish collection, observed the weekend of March 18/19, that supports the spiritual and material needs of four important global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: the struggling Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America, and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. This year Global Solidarity Sunday is observed with the theme, "...I was blind and now I see" (Jn 9:25). This is an invitation for all to reach out, around the world, and let our light shine for God's mercy, love, and healing—so crucial today! Please be generous as you are able and share God's light for your brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

SIDEWALK COUNSELING TRAINING SEMINAR

*March 21st, 7-9 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church,
Saint Louis Park*

On an average day in the Twin Cities, 35 children are lost to abortion. Learn how to save these babies by peacefully reaching out with love and offering brochures to those entering the five local abortion mills. Not sure whether sidewalk counseling is for you? Come and see! Sidewalk prayer supporters are also welcome. No charge. Presented by Pro-Life Action Ministries. There have been 3600+ lives saved since 1981!

Contact Thomas at Thomas.wilkin@plam.org or call (651) 979-6366

QUESTIONS AND CALLINGS: A DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Young adults are invited to a day of personal and communal reflection on Saturday, April 1st, 2023 from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. at the Carondelet Center in St. Paul. Sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and Visitation Sisters of North Minneapolis, the day will be based on Krista Tippett's "On Being" Foundation series. Learn more and register by March 26th at www.ssnd.org/events/4-1-23

MASS OF CONSECRATION TO THE LIFE OF VIRGINITY

March 25th, 11 a.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

All are invited to join Archbishop Hebda as he presides over The Mass of Solemn Consecration of four women to the life of Consecrated Virginité Lived in the World. Prior, Serra Club will lead a rosary for increase in vocations. Parking and map can be found at www.mary.org

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT MICHAEL IZEN

Tuesday, April 11th, Cathedral of Saint Paul

On January 5th, 2023, Pope Francis named Father Michael John Izen, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Save the date for his Episcopal Ordination. Learn more about Bishop-elect Izen and keep up to date on information regarding his ordination at www.thecatholicspirit.com.

ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

March 17th, 9:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul

The Ancient Order of Hibernians would like to welcome everyone to the annual Saint Patrick's Day Mass with The Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This is a wonderful way to start off this most special day.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ONLINE AND OVER THE PHONE

Staff and parishioners alike have seen a recent uptick in people claiming to be Fr. Tony and asking for things. It is important to note that:

1. Neither Father Tony or anyone else on staff will email you or text you asking for money.
2. Never open links in suspicious emails.
3. The only electronic communications you should get from us (that do not end in @gachaska.org) are from Flocknote or Rotunda Software (MSP). These emails are easily verifiable, and if you are doubtful, talk to a parish staff member in person.
4. If you have staff cell numbers for ministry reasons (i.e. Faith Formation, Accompanist, Cantor, Funeral Luncheon, etc.), save that phone number in your contacts. That way if you get a text claiming to be from a staff member but is not, you can easily identify it as a fake.
5. Common spoof email addresses like to use iterations off of "parishoffice@gmail.com" or "pastoroffice@gmail.com." Our email addresses end in "@gachaska.org." Also, be sure that all a's, o's, and s's are their correct letters and not 0s, 5s, o's where a's should be, or other characters.
6. Catholic Churches are not the only organizations that have issues with scammers pretending to be someone. Always verify emails, texts, and even letters to ensure the safety of your personal data.

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 18th, 9 a.m.—3 p.m., All Saints Catholic Church, Lakeville

Join men from throughout the archdiocese at the largest gathering of Catholic men in Minnesota. The keynote speaker will be Devin Schadt, executive director of the Fathers of St. Joseph. The day will include Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda at 9:15 a.m., speakers, workshops, adoration, lunch, and more.

Walk-in registration at 8:30 a.m.

SOUTHWEST OPTIONS FOR WOMEN IS HIRING

SouthWest Options for Women is your local pregnancy center, helping women with unexpected pregnancies in your community for over 30 years. As you know, a lot is happening both nationally and in Minnesota in the last several months regarding abortion, and we need your help to fulfill our Life-Affirming Mission. With the growing number of abortion-minded women in our community seeking our services, we need to add to our staff.

We are seeking the following positions:

1. Nurse (RN) Manager
2. Nurse (RN) Sonographer
3. RDMS-Sonographer
4. Nurse (RN) willing to train in sonography

Part-time and volunteer positions available.
Flexible hours, paid holidays, and PTO

Hiring Immediately

Contact Kim Bennecke at admin@myswow.org or call (952) 938-4496 for more information.

DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

April 22nd, 8:15—5:00 p.m., The Saint Paul Seminary

Men between the ages of 25 and 59 and their spouses are invited to join us for Deacon Discernment Day!

What is a deacon?

Who can become a deacon?

How does one discern the Lord's call to Holy Orders?

What is the application and formation process?

How are Holy Orders integrated with marriage and family?

Find answers to these questions and more!

To register, please email deaconvocation@archspm.org

YOUNG ADULT EVENING PRAYER

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on Tuesday, March 28th at 7 p.m. Learn more and register for the Zoom link at www.ssnd.org/events/3-28-23



In modern times, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord has taken on special meaning in Respect Life ministry. Scientific advances have allowed us to confirm that human life begins at conception. This solemnity calls us to reflect on how we are to care for, protect, and welcome new life, as the Blessed Mother did for the Christ Child.

Join us in praying a special novena beginning March 16-24 in preparation for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on the weekend of March 25th. Let us follow the example of Mary and call upon her intercession to help us open our hearts to say "yes" to God! Copies of the novena can be picked up in the back of the church beginning on Sunday March 5th!